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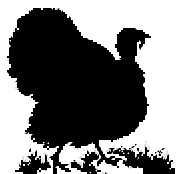
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. Moderate sales of packer label hens and toms for prompt deliveries. Demand was fair. Offerings are light to adequate with the smaller sizes closely balanced. Parts and meats trading was light to moderate. Inquiry was mixed.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums and thigh meat, balance slow. Inquiry was fair. Supplies sufficient for the current interest.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 26, 2004**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	73-74	73.98	4120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	72.25-74	73.95	2080	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-75	74.5	74.50	160	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-	78.00	80	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-	79.00	40	OCT	-	-
					75.25	320	OCT-NOV		
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	74	74.00	320	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-	76.00	80	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-	75.00	320	OCT-NOV	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF AUGUST 27, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	74.50	73.40 **	59.00
CENTRAL REGION	73.96	72.00	59.67
WESTERN REGION	73.00 **	74.00	59.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	74.00	72.80 **	59.00
CENTRAL REGION	73.91	72.50 **	60.00
WESTERN REGION	73.00 **	73.50	57.50 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80-82
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	115-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	115-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	120-130

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION,
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 30-AUG-2004

	<u>HENS (8-16#)</u>		<u>TOMS (16-24#)</u>	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (Promotions Included)	80.76	37	79.25	8
SALES (Promotions not included)	80.76	37	79.25	8
SALES (Promotions only)				
SALES (Price to be determined)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

July	439,001*
August 1-21, 2004	293,429*
To date 2004	3,212,199*
To date 2003	3,472,320*
Preliminary	

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 21-Aug-2004 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
North East	780	25	20.88	(A)	783 20.88
South Atlantic	776	-2	29.58	(A)	779 29.58
North Central	2,155	3	31.23	(A)	2,158 31.23
South Central	505	8	20.18	(A)	507 20.18
West	276	-13	24.22	(A)	278 24.22
U.S. total	4,492(B)	5	27.46	13	4,505 27.46
To-date					
2004	142,425(B)			252	142,677
To-date					
2003	153,995(B)			476	154,471

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 85,000; for the current year to date 1,662,000; for last year to date 2,093,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 21-Aug-2004

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>			
Head	1,760	2,647	85	13 4,505
Avg Wt	15.65	35.49	22.62	23.63 27.46
Last week	1,691	2,516	90	24 4,321
Same wk yr ago	2,088	2,761	69	15 4,933
Avg Wt	15.41	34.37	22.73	24.19 26.15
To-date/2004	57,081	83,682	1,662	252 142,677
To-date/2003	61,811	90,091	2,093	476 154,471

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 AUGUST 2004.

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was mostly steady. Demand light to fair with some processors noting increased activity. Offerings at least adequate. The market on destrapped tenderloins and breast trim was steady to fully steady, wing meat with skin was improving with fresh in the strongest position. Offerings light to adequate. Trading slow on all items. Non-basted Grade A 8-10 lb. breasts traded at 100 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	95.50	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	154.85	33
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00-31.00		30.20	100
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	28.63	152
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	31.00	18
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	35.00		35.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	45.00	47
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	44.50	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	82.00	20
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	80
NECKS, HEN		T	18.71	17
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	208.00-209.00		208.17	58
THIGH MEAT		T	83.00	4
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	86.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	117.00		117.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT	90.00		90.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	166.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	187.67	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	19.66	119
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	30.00	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	31.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	83.00		83.00	160

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market on fresh white meat was mostly steady on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins, balance of fresh white meat steady to fully steady. The frozen white meat market was fully steady on breast trim, steady to fully steady on scapula, wing meat with skin and destrapped tenderloins steady to barely steady, and frozen tom breast meat barely steady to weak. Fresh white meat demand fair to good. Frozen white meat demand light to fair on breast trim and scapula, balance slow. Offerings mixed. The trade sentiment on tom drums was fully steady, tom full cut wings and tom necks steady to fully steady, tom 2-joint wings steady at best. Offerings of tom drums light and held with confidence, tom full-cut wings and necks light to adequate, tom 2-joint wings adequate to instances fully adequate. Trading fair on white meat for domestic shipments and on tom drums for domestic and export shipments, balance light. For domestic: plant grade non-basted breasts 12-14 lb. 125 14-16 lb. 120-125, 16-20 lb. 125, fresh scapula 108-109, fresh wing meat with skin 108-110, fresh breast trim 125-129 cents delivered. For export: livers 20-25, fresh tom drums 29.50-30 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	95.50	80	95.50	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	46	154.00	46
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00-35.00		31.14	302	30.80	426
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	32.00		32.00	80	32.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	31.00	18	31.00	18
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	35.00-36.00		35.09	95	35.07	136
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	45.00	47	45.11	53
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	39.00-46.00		44.45	116	44.55	290
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	82.00	20	82.00	20
NECKS, TOM	19.00-20.00		19.17	24	18.43	117
NECKS, HEN		T	18.71	17	18.71	17
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	160.00-168.00		166.67	240	166.67	240
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	208.00-209.00		208.75	160	208.70	298
THIGH MEAT	84.00		84.00	40	83.91	44
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	87.00		87.00	20	86.33	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT	122.00		122.00	40	120.33	60
SCAPULA MEAT	91.00-95.00		94.43	140	93.90	200
TENDERLOINS	152.00		152.00	40	152.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	158.00-167.00		159.44	360	159.52	364
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	59.00-64.00		60.83	240	60.83	240
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	187.00-188.00		187.60	50	187.60	50
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00		14.00	120	15.25	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	19.66	119	19.66	119
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.50-36.00		31.67	360	31.00	600
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	32.00-34.00		33.71	140	33.71	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.00	104	17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	82.00-85.00		83.50	80	83.17	240

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